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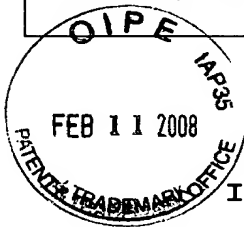
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Patent No.: 6,863,688

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For INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE  
: UTILIZING A SPIRALLY SLOTTED  
BELLEVILLE WASHER HAVING RADIALY  
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